

To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

In accordance with the duties under sections 7 (3) and 10 (2) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's annual report for the year 2022-2023.

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| <p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p> | <p>Renewal of NPT's active travel mapping - to comply with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 The Councils ATNM was submitted to WG on 23rd December 2021 and approved on the 3rd August 2022. Work has taken place on publishing the maps as per the WG Active Travel Act Guidance (ATAG), this has included a refresh of the active travel webpages (www.npt.gov.uk/activetravel) which links to DataMapWales and print friendly pdf maps.</p> <p>Promotion of the approved ATNM was undertaken in the South Wales Evening Post and social media.</p> <p>To provide further background information to the revised ATNM the council has undertaken circa 750 active travel audits. Work is currently underway to add the audit results onto DataMapWales (in collaboration with relevant officers.)</p> <p>Work has commenced to update the 'related facilities' on Neath Port Talbot's ATNM and will continue next financial year.</p> <p>Promotion and Consultation A schools poster competition was launched to raise awareness about active travel among school children and their parents. The two winning entries each won £500 for active travel improvements at their school.</p> |
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To help encourage more people to cycle, the council launched a scheme whereby organisations have a chance to apply for up to four free cycle stands in locations where cycle parking is needed – workplaces, leisure facilities or amenities used by the public. This scheme was promoted on a local radio station through a paid for advertising campaign.

User-friendly drawings were produced (bilingually) of the proposed Tonna and Bryn to Goytre schemes to be used in future consultations.

Monitoring and Evaluation – Traffic count surveys were undertaken to determine the number of pedestrians and cyclists using routes as well as the speed and volume of traffic.

Internal Liaison

There is ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways, Road Safety, Streetcare (maintenance of routes) and Communications departments to encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new developments.

Road Safety Team

The Road Safety Team undertook a number of activities to promote Active Travel including:

- **Cyclecraft (On road cycle training):** 14 schools, 402 pupils
- **Primary Classroom Education:** 18 schools 998 pupils
- **Cycle Awareness (Years 3-Year 6):** 24 schools, 1600 pupils

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scooter Training (all ages): 8 schools, 100 pupils • Balance Bike Training (Nursery & Reception): 12 schools 280 pupils • Foundation Stage Cycling (Year 1 & 2): 30 schools 736 pupils • Road Safety Walks (all ages): 5 schools, 192 pupils • Kerbcraft (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): 47 schools 1198 pupils • The Big Pedal (which NPT supports Sustrans): 7 schools, 2000 journeys • Crucial Crew: 51 schools, 1800 pupils <p>Some figures are lower than previous years due to absence of NPT's officer who normally delivers training to the Primary Schools.</p> <p>[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2022 - July 2023.]</p> |
| <p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p> | <p>Southdown Road – Improvements have been made to the active travel route on Southdown road to improve walking and cycling for everyday journeys.</p> <p>Scarlett Ave/Purcell Ave – A public consultation took place about the implementation of speed reduction measures on Scarlett Ave/Purcell Ave. The public were unsupportive of the proposal.</p> <p>Tonna Hospital Link – Funding was used to develop the design of the active travel route at Heol Uchaf</p> |

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| | <p>Tonna. The proposal will link the hospital and local community with the shop and public transport facilities in the area.</p> <p>Neath to Cimla – Funding was used to progress the design of the active travel route between Neath and Cimla</p> <p>Neath station to NCN 47 – Options assessment for improvements between the national cycle network (along Neath canal) and the station has been undertaken.</p> <p>Newbridge Road Bridge – Feasibility into the construction of an active travel route at Newbridge road and Docks road has been undertaken.</p> <p>Sandfields Master Plan – Prioritisation and feasibility has been undertaken into improvements to the active travel network in the Sandfields area.</p> <p>Baglan Way Link – Design of raised plateaus has been undertaken along with engagement with landowners.</p> <p>Dwr-Y-Felin – Funding has been used to look at the feasibility of converting the walking route on Dwr-y-felin road into a shared use path.</p> |
| <p>Costs incurred for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year</p> | <p>In 2022/23 Neath Port Talbot was awarded £716K core funding for further design work, minor improvement works, land negotiations and promotion of schemes.</p> |

In addition to the above, the following information provides an overview of infrastructure that has been implemented during the previous year:

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| <p>Indicative spending for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities funded or part funded by third parties.</p> | <p>- £0</p> |
| <p>Length of new routes:</p> <p>- Walking</p> | <p>- 0m</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling - Shared Use | |
| <p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use | <p>Southdown Road, Sandfields, Port Talbot have been improved. Future routes: FR-PT-SU065 and FR-PT-SU064 will be added to the existing routes map.</p> <p>The total length of these two routes is approx. 0.6 miles of new shared-use path.</p> |
| <p>New and improved active travel facilities</p> | <p>Removal/Replacement of Access Control Measures (Phase 4) – 9 non-compliant barriers were removed or replace with compliant barriers.</p> <p>Seating – A stakeholder consultation was undertaken to determine where on the network seating is required. Proposed locations have been assessed and prioritised and seating was installed at 3 locations.</p> <p>Cycle Storage – An interactive map has been created to show where cycle storage is available in NPT, the map will be placed on the councils webpage allowing residents or visitors to view photos and locations of the available cycle storage before travelling.</p> <p>Cycle shelters has been installed in: Aberavon Shopping Centre, Aberavon Beach and Port Talbot Train Station. Cycle hoops also have been installed in Cymmer near to the refreshment rooms, to replace cycle storage which had fallen into disrepair.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).

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